THE PROBATION OFFICER AND THE CHILD.

The Modern Way of Getting at the Roots of Juvenile Crime and Checking It-A Day's Work With a Chicage Probation Officer.

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Commons Press Bureau.)

(Mr. Thurston is Chief Probation Officer of the Chicago Juvenile court, one of the first organized and gener- from his home, but reported to me ally best equipped juvenile courts in leased from probation he comes to see at the Housatonic river, a large deer ally best equipped juvenile courts in leased from probation he comes to see attempted to cross the stream near the the country. He is author of numer- me Saturday nights, tells me his joys iron bridge in Falls Village. The curous books on schools, juvenile courts and his sorrows and I know that he rent carried the animal down stream and probation work, and an experience will be a first class citizen. of nineteen years as a teacher makes him particularly fitted to write on any

"I want to see my probation officer purposes. In Chicago, dependent as shore and disappeared in the woods. and have him send an officer to arrest well as delinquent children are put Litchfield University Club. my father to make him stop hitting under probation in order that their

M. will be here in a few minutes. to arrest the father but, as he talked to the South Chicago Steel Mills. over with the boy the number of chil- cured promise of work for S. M.

womanhood the probation officer has tres. a great work in thus interpreting the child and his parents to one another. Mrs. P. about A., as Mrs. P. is not Many children under probation are only quite deaf but speaks only Swed-of working age and should be looked ish. Also a talk with A. about some after. The following report illustrates a picturesque side of a probation them.

as I thought he was."

A boy was returned from the John deaconess, as I was sure she would worthy school January 1, 1907. He help about A. We shall probably be was released and paroled to me and I obliged to send A. to Geneva." secured a position for him soon after | So far as any child is concerned the his release. He worked every day and care of the probation officer should be last winter when the firm was laying continuously directed along any or all off most of its help, and in my anxiety of these lines as the child's need differ his welfare I telephoned to his emerge. So far as any day's work is ployer asking him to retain the boy concerned the probation officer makes There is good stuff in that boy." He directs.

subject dealing with children.)

"Say, Mister, is this the Jubiline Court?" asked a thirteen-year-old boy of me one morning the first week of in the case of each child. Each time animal when, in fright, it made a last our occupation of our new Juvenile he sees the child,—his parents, friend, vigorous effort to free itself and was teacher or pastor, he should push in successful after which it made its way.

"Yes, son, what can I do for you?"

But why do you want to take off hour's ride found J. R. at home in- committee that the fourth volume of the pants?" I asked. "Aren't they all stead of in school, taking care of the club publications, entitled "Clergymen "No, they're too short and the boys ing. Made a few remarks that, it is pared for publication by Rev. Arthur me,—and I don't want to wear 'em."

Daby because his mother was washing. Made a few remarks that, it is pared for publication by Rev. Arthur Goodenough. I looked at him. His mother had school, to inquire about the N's and indeed made a mistake in the adjust- V. W. Gratified to see all so clean, ment of a pair of men's trousers to a which is not always the case. Found boy and had cut them off so short that T. P. at home because she is out of his red socks showed over the tops of work. She prefers work in a hotel. is shoes. No wonder he wanted to Pointed out the dangers of hotel work. ake them off. I said, all right, Mr. Wrote a note for her to take to the South End Center.

what he did about the trousers. He mother. J. had just returned to work, said that at first nothing would do but been sick a long time. Then went over dren, how much a new pair of trous- "Had some coffee and rolls in a resers meant to them, how hard his father taurant. Am entitled to an hour, but and mother worked, the possibility of seldom take more than half that time. soon getting to work himself,-and the A long walk to the L's to find that bravery that many a poor boy has they had moved that morning. No shown in laughing down and outliving neighbor knew where. I was confithe jeers of thoughtless playmates, he changed his mind and said: "All right, done so. Now in a slightly better I'll wear 'em. It'll be worse for place. Called on Father F. to secure mother and all the children if I have his influence on the K. family so that him arrested. I guess he ain't so mean they will allow little W. to go to the hospital for treatment. Stopped at Among the foreign born children who know American ways better than their parents, and among all court boys and girls who are just growing out of childhood toward manhood and nights. He favors the cheap thea-

sible, and he pleased me much a series of visits, giving one kind of ling: "Fire him; I guess not. I impulse in this case and another in ep him if I keep him as a watchman. that, as the welfare of each individual

a horse-drawn vehicle. Denial has been made of the report that W. K. Vanderbilt, Jr., president of the Long Island Parkway, intends

A periodical cleaning out of the carburetter to insure the absence of water, will save a deal of time and searching when misfiring occurs.

Compulsory use of a non-volatile lubricating oil is being considered in

foul-smelling, blue smoke exhausts from motor busses.

with a view to giving motorists the benefit of the knowledge gained. It is a wise precaution to go over the bolts which secure the several sec-

The first year that the brougham type of electrical automobile was introduced in the city of New York sevar for use in their service.

a broken ball and a damaged race may entrance and exit of every car, and the be obviated.

A big road race limited to amateur drivers is being boomed by J. Fred Bets, a wealthy Philadelphia motor

a contest is organized. In repacking the gland of a water circulating pump use plenty of graph- racing meets, but find it difficult to

buggy manufacturing business, for and knowledge.

the slots are all in line.

The Syracuse Automobile Club is considering the advisability of establishing official speed traps. There has been a great deal of disregard for the been a great deal of disregard for the starting.

When motor cars were first made and designers wanted to know how

will be the only structure of its kind in miles of travel. The influence of racthe country where special provision is ing is to be seen in bodies at every

made for automobiles. Headaches after long runs, especially enced by a great many drivers. The

Care in the fitting of new magnet

(Exclusive Service Charities and The was earning \$8.75 a week and his mother allowed him sixteen cents a week spending money. Rain or shine he walked to work, lived in a poor house, had but little encouragement

Each day's work of a probation of- where he was firmly held despite his ficer is a cross-section of many lives. struggles. A number of Falls Village

The next day I asked the officer "Next called on J. D. Saw his

THE AUTOMOBILE WORLD.

As a rule, automobile bodies are

withdrawing from the project.

England, as a result of protests against

The Royal Motor Club of England is contemplating a series of tests of various carburetters on the market

tions of a planetary transmission oc-

hty-two doctors adopted this type of An occasional inspection of the ball earings does no harm; they seldom give trouble, and by the renewal of a set of balls which appear slightly worn

enthusiast. He says he will compete at the wheel of one of his cars if such

ite with the packing. The spindle is obtain officials or members who can seldom sufficiently lubricated, and the devote time to arrange the details and graphite will go a long way toward manage the events. Hence the need remedying this.

Chicago is the center of the motor to city and assist clubs with his time

there are made no fewer than ten different makes of the high-wheelers in missed from the city of Paris fire bri-Do not neglect a "blow" in an en-

means badly fitting piston rings, or transformed into gasoline engines the possibly the rings have so moved that annual unkeep cost to the city would Motorists of New York, whose cars formation, about \$320,000, will be spread lave carried dazzling searchlights have over a period of six years. teen busy modifying them to comply

not confuse either drivers or pedes- Committee of the Automobile Club of Apparently not to let the reputation a special carbureter made the trip from of Lansing, Mich., as an automobile Paris to Versailles and back in about town suffer, the local council and the four hours. Napthaline costs barely a motor manufacturers located there are third of the price of petrol and can be

designing to furnish automobiles to all handled with safety and with much the city departments.

speed regulations in that section of high to make the seats, they measured late, and, if necessary, the club offic- the height of a chair from the floor. ers mean to take drastic action in the In the course of time it dawned on the Much satisfaction is felt by New insisted upon seats very close to the York motorists because the new deck, and they seemed to be able to queensboro bridge, which unites Man-maintain their position under strenhattan with Long Island, is to have a uous conditions for hours at a time. special automobile roadway. If pres- whereas autoists perched high in the ent plans are carried out the bridge seats were much fatigued in a hundred

at speed or in cold weather, are experi- mobile reaches the high maximum of cause of this is usually too thin a cap, per minute. In comparison the r'm permitting the head draughts to beat speed on the flywheel on a 5 000-horseon the temples and upper front of the power steam engine would be limited skull. It is an easy matter to line the to one mile per minute. Wheels for aucontact breaker parts is always re- of wood and of small section. Fortu- of \$500 and over. We will act as

uisite, as patterns are continually nately, wood exhibits rare qualities Trustees and Administrators of Eschanging, and a very minute diver- under the condition in which it is ured tates. nce in the shape or measurement of in wheels, and the felloes and spokes ntact breaker spares will affect the can be of small cross-section without officen timing. The date and number trespassing upon the desired factor of the magneto should always be given safety

As a general proposition an electric in ordering replacements.

automobile will carry the equal of its In the old days steel that would stand up to half a million of vibrations under the stress of half the elastic lighter than a corresponding body on limit was said to be good enough to place in a safe deposit vault, but the automobile makers of to-day are mak-

speed is greater.

ing strenuous efforts to exceed one million six hundred thousand vibrations at half the elastic limit. Among the improvements of the past year in the making of power plants for automobiles is the use of aluminum in the crankcase and bearings. For years makers have used manganese bronze because it was considered stronger. Improved testings of aluminum, however, have enabled it to be utilized,

giving the advantage of lightness and The best types of single cylinder runabouts will make from 20 to 30 mi'es on a gallon of gasoline, and the quantity of lubricating oil required per mile is almost negligible. Increasing the number of cylinders seems to have the effect of increasing the fuel consumption for a given travel, the reason for which lies very largely in the fact that with increasing power the obtainable

Under the proposed new automobile law for Massachusetts, all persons receiving compensation in connection with automobiles, such as salesmen, repairmen, etc., shall be considered as chauffeurs. It is required that in every garage a record shall be kept of the word garage is defined to include club and private garages where fee is charged as well as public garages. An opening for a professional motor racing manager—somewhat similar to the professional retained by many golf clubs-is rapidly developing. Numerous automobile clubs are anxious to hold obtain officials or members who can for an expert who can travel from city

All horses have been ordered disnot exceed \$17 400. The cost of trans-

A successful test of an automobile vith the new ordinance which requires consuming napthaline instead of petrol them to be shaded so their rays will was recently made before the Technical France. A large omnibus fitted with greater ease. The main disadvantage

designers of bodies that racing drivers

hand. The rim speed of a wheel of an autoapproximately two and a half miles wheel effect, and this is an extremely difficult matter, unless the felloes are check and allow interest on balances

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Litchfield County News.

Increase in Grand List.

The grand list of the town of Win-

chester shows a total of \$5,535,338, an

increase of \$80,660 over the list of the

"Rat" Saved Her.

sidewalk in Canaan, Tuesday, and in

Another Deer in River.

Recently, after heavy rains had rais-

Miss Edith Greene slipped on an icy

receding year.

fractured .- Canaan News.

FEMALE HELP WANTED

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MALE HELP WANTED.

falling struck forcibly on her head. She was considerably shaken up but DRAFTSMEN, mechanical architecsoon recovered. It is understood that a "rat" which Miss Greene wore in her hair prevented her skull from being Box 828 City. U25°tf

until he came in contact with a rock

The annual midseason meeting of the parents may be stimulated to care Litchfield County University Club was "But why does he hit you?"

"B "Left home at 8:30 and after an of Washington reported for the book

Have Received Honors. demical department The list is made up on the basis of the work of the first term.

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